

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 35-50 are pending in this application, Claims 17-34 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; and Claims 35-50 are currently added. New Claims 35-50 are believed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, including the original claims, and thus are not deemed to raise any issue of new matter.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; and Claims 17-19, 25-30, 33 and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Wasilewski et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,252,964; hereinafter "Wasilewski I") in view of Wasilewski et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,215,530; hereinafter "Wasilewski II"). Claims 20-24, 31 and 32 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

In light of this indication, new Claim 35 has been added which includes all the limitations of allowable Claim 20, and limitations of previously presented Claims 17 and 18. Thus, new Claim 35 (and all claims depending thereon) is believed to be patentable for the same reasons stated at page 6 the outstanding Office Action, i.e that new Claim 35 recites "specific fields in the data structure(s) being claimed which are not present in the prior art references." New independent Claim 49 recites features similar to independent Claim 35 and is also believed to be patentable for at least the reasons discussed above.

In regard to the rejection of Claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, Applicants have cancelled Claim 19 rendering the rejection moot. However, Applicants have amended new Claim 36, which recites similar features as previously presented Claim 19, to correct the informality noted in the outstanding Office Action.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejection of Claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph be withdrawn.

Accordingly, only claims including allowable subject matter remain pending, and no further issues are believed to be outstanding

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Notice of Allowance for Claims 35-50 is earnestly solicited.

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